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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**U.S. Geological Survey**

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**Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request for the Nonferrous Metals Surveys (30 Forms).**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of a revision of a currently approved information collection (1028-0053).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) an information collection request (ICR) for the revision of the currently approved paperwork requirements for the *Nonferrous Metals Surveys*. This collection consists of 30 forms. The revision includes adding the following form: USGS Form 9-4128-A; and removing the following forms: USGS Form 9-4054-M and USGS Form 9-4061-A. This notice provides the public and other Federal agencies an opportunity to comment on the nature of this collection which is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2012.

**DATE:** Please submit your comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit written comments on this ICR to the OMB Office of Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior via e-mail to [oir\\_docket@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_docket@omb.eop.gov) or fax at 202-395-5806; and reference Information Collection 1028-0053 in the subject line. Please also submit a copy of your comments to Shari Baloch, Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 807, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); 703-648-7174 (telephone); 703-648-7199 (fax); or [smbaloch@usgs.gov](mailto:smbaloch@usgs.gov) (e-mail); and reference Information Collection 1028-0053 in the subject

line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Carleen Kostick at 703-648-7940 (telephone); [ckostick@usgs.gov](mailto:ckostick@usgs.gov) (e-mail); or by mail at U.S. Geological Survey, 985 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192. To see a copy of the entire ICR submitted to OMB, go to <http://www.reginfo.gov> (Information Collection Review, Currently under Review).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. ABSTRACT**

Respondents use these forms to supply the USGS with domestic production and consumption data of nonferrous and related nonfuel mineral commodities, some of which are considered strategic and critical. This information will be published as chapters in Minerals Yearbook, monthly Mineral Industry Surveys, annual Mineral Commodity Summaries, and special publications, for use by Government agencies, industry, education programs, and the general public.

**II. DATA**

*OMB Control Number:* 1028-0053.

*Form Number:* Various (30 forms).

*Title:* Nonferrous Metals Surveys.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Private sector: U.S. nonfuel minerals producers and consumers of nonferrous and related metals.

*Respondent Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Frequency of Collection:* Monthly, quarterly, and annually.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 4,971.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 3,683 hours. We expect to receive 4,971 annual responses. We estimate an average of 20 minutes to 2 hours per response.

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost” Burden:* We have not identified any “non-hour cost” burdens associated with this collection of information.

### **III. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

On August 23, 2011, we published a Federal Register Notice (76 FR 52686) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval and soliciting comments. The comment period closed on October 24, 2011. We did not receive any comments in response to that notice.

We again invite comments concerning this ICR on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) how to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at anytime. Although you can ask OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

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